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EMPLOYMENT

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island declined by 4,500 in mid-July to 457,200 as a result of vacation-related plant closings in many manufacturing industries, combined with a seasonal downturn in the nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. Although the current total represents a monthly job decrease, it is 1,800 above the July 1988 level of 455,400.

Reflecting declines caused primarily by vacation closings, factory employment fell by 2,900 in the June-July period to 109,800. Furthermore, this figure is 1,500 less than a year ago. Employment levels in both the Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods categories were down by 1,600 and 1,300, respectively. The largest monthly decrease occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-700), followed by Textiles (-400), Plastics Products (-300) and Primary Metals, Electrical Machinery and Paper Products (-200 each). In addition, smaller monthly downturns of 100 each were registered in Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment, Instruments, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment, Apparel, Printing-Publishing, Chemical Products and Leather Products. Employment in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Food-Beverage and Rubber Products was unchanged from last month.

Nonmanufacturing employment dropped by 1,600 to the July level of 347,400, primarily the result of education-related reductions in Government (-2,300) and Transportation/Public Utilities (-700) which more than offset monthly gains in Services (+700), Contract Construction (+600) and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate (+100). Employment in Wholesale/Retail Trade showed no change from the prior month. On an annual comparison, Rhode Island's current nonfactory figure reflects an increase of 3,300 jobs.

The July work week averaged 38.9 hours, down 0.5 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.11 an hour in July, up 6 cents from the previous month and 55 cents compared to July 1988.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment in Rhode Island increased seasonally in July to 21,100 from the June level of 20,100. A year ago this month, the jobless total stood at 16,200.

In concert with the increase in unemployment, the state's unadjusted unemployment rate rose by one-tenth of a percentage point - from 3.8 percent in June to the July estimate of 3.9 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the current rate was unchanged from the prior month's estimate of 3.9 percent. In July 1988, both the Rhode Island unadjusted and seasonally adjusted rates were placed at 3.0 percent.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate declined to 5.3 percent in July, from the month earlier estimate of 5.5 percent. Similarly, the U.S. seasonally adjusted rate also decreased - from 5.3 percent last month to the July estimate of 5.2 percent.

RHODE ISLAND MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE

The minimum hourly wage in Rhode Island increased on August 1, 1989, to $4.25 per hour from $4.00 per hour.

As a result, workers who apply for either Unemployment Insurance benefits or Temporary Disability Insurance benefits on or after August 7, 1989, must meet new minimum earnings requirements in order to be eligible for benefits. A worker must now have earned at least $85 per week for 20 weeks in the Base Period or a total of at least $5,100 in the Base Period in order to quality for benefits.

Questions concerning the new minimum wage in Rhode Island should be directed to the Rhode Island Department of Labor, Labor Standards Division at 457-1808. Information about the Unemployment Insurance and Temporary Disability Insurance programs is available from the Department of Employment Security, Public Relations Office at 277-3718.

DEPARTMENT HOSTS NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SECURITY CONFERENCE

The R.I. Department of Employment Security hosted the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies, Inc. (ICESA) in Providence during the week of August 20-25, 1989. ICESA is a Washington, D.C. based non-profit organization that represents the interests of the employment security system before Congress and the Federal government. Membership is comprised of employment security agencies in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

More than 250 professionals in the field from throughout the United States and Canada met to discuss such timely and topical issues as the future of the U.S. Employment Services, Taxes and Program Funding, Veterans' Employment and Training, Unemployment Insurance Issues, Quality Control and Confidentiality and the broad issue of Workforce 2000.

U.S. Labor Department Deputy Assistant Secretary Carolyn M. Golding represented Secretary Elizabeth Dole during the conference, and Walter J. Biscardi, a Management Consultant and I.B.M. Retiree, delivered the keynote address. Conferees also heard Congressional Staff Members from the House Committees on Ways & Means and Education & Labor.

Michael V. Deisz, the Executive Director of the North Dakota agency, was installed as the President, replacing Richard G. Freeman, Director of the Iowa D.E.S. Betsy Justus, Chair of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, is the President-Elect.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

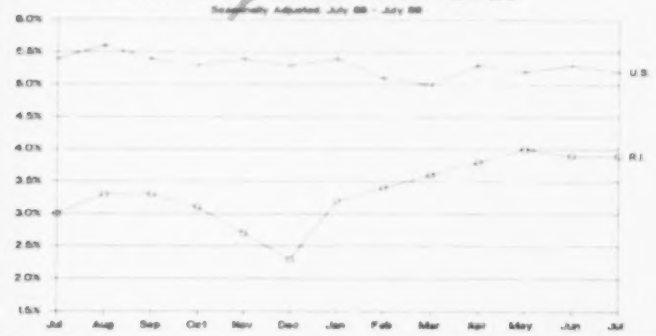
	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	
Civilian Labor Force	537.7	532.2*	532.7	
Unemployment	21.1	20.1*	16.2	
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.9	3.8*	3.0	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.9	3.9	3.0	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988
Civilian Labor Force	126,238	125,569	123,888
Unemployment	6,736	6,850	6,823
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	5.5	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.3	5.4

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	June 1989	July 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	457.2	461.7	455.4	-4500	+1800
MANUFACTURING	109.8	112.7	111.3	-2900	-1500
NONMANUFACTURING	347.4	349.0	344.1	-1600	+3300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	23.4	22.8	22.4	+600	+1000
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	16.4	15.6	-700	+100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	105.5	105.5	105.2	0	+300
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.8	26.7	26.7	+100	+100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	117.9	117.2	117.0	+700	+900
GOVERNMENT	58.1	60.4	57.2	-2300	+900

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

July 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	109.8	354.38	38.9	9.11
DURABLE GOODS	74.8	348.43	38.5	9.05
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	424.86	38.8	10.95
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	461.13	38.3	12.04
PRIMARY METALS	4.2	415.53	42.1	9.87
FABRICATED METALS	8.7	344.80	40.0	8.62
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6	463.14	41.5	11.16
ELECTRICAL MACH.	10.6	337.74	39.0	8.66
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	9.2	442.32	38.0	11.64
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	376.53	40.4	9.32
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	20.5	278.96	37.8	7.38
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.4	266.85	34.3	7.78
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.0	365.38	39.5	9.25
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	363.80	41.2	8.83
TEXTILES	9.3	314.82	39.8	7.91
APPAREL	2.2	273.40	36.6	7.47
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	372.34	42.7	8.72
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	453.90	35.6	12.75
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	459.91	41.1	11.19
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	402.48	42.5	9.47
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	385.81	41.0	9.41
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	260.68	39.2	6.65

*Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED. Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

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For additional statistical information contact Research and Statistics at 277-3706.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - AUGUST 1989

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island decreased by 1,000 in the July-August period to 455,900, as a result of declines in the nonmanufacturing sector which more than offset employment gains in several manufacturing industries, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. The current job total is 400 below the year ago level of 456,300.

Overall manufacturing employment rose by 1,500 to 111,100 in August, mainly the result of factories reopening following the July vacation period. Compared to a year ago, however, manufacturing jobs were down 2,100. Employment in both the Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods producing industries increased from the prior month - by 1,000 and 500, respectively. The largest monthly job gains were reported in Jewelry-Silverware (+700) and Textiles (+300), followed by smaller advances of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Paper Products, Chemical Products, Plastics Products and Leather Products. In contrast to this, declines of 100 each were posted in Transportation Equipment, Food-Beverage and Apparel. The remaining segments - four in Durable Goods and two in Nondurable Goods - registered stable employment from July to August.

Nonmanufacturing employment decreased by 2,500 in August to 344,800, primarily attributable to the effect of a labor dispute in the Communications sector of the Transportation/Public Utilities industry (-1,400). Total Government employment, influenced by the state's early retirement program, was off 900 and Services dropped 400 over the month. An upturn of 200 workers was recorded in Trade, while employment levels in Contract Construction and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate showed no change from last month. Total employment in Rhode Island's nonfactory sector did show an annual increase of 1,700 compared to August 1988.

The August work week averaged 39.1 hours, up 0.1 of an hour from last month and a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.12 in August, down 2 cents from the prior month, but up 57 cents on an annual comparison.

The jobless total in Rhode Island fell by 2,200 to the August unemployment estimate of 19,200. One year ago, the number of unemployed stood at 16,400. As a result, the state's unadjusted unemployment rate dropped from 4.0 percent in July to the current estimate of 3.6 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis the rate fell a tenth of a percent - from 3.9 percent last month to 3.8 percent in August. A year ago Rhode Island's unadjusted and seasonally adjusted rates were estimated at 3.0 and 3.3 percent, respectively.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate declined to 5.1 percent in August from the month earlier estimate of 5.3 percent. The United States seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged from the July estimate of 5.2 percent.

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

October is NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH (formerly National Employ the Handicapped Week) and was established by Congress to allow more time for a concerted effort to be made to address the needs of persons with disabilities, to further the goal of full integration into the workforce and to salute the achievements of people with disabilities in their jobs.

Announcing the 45th observance of handicapped employability, DES Director John S. Renza commends the record of the many Rhode Island employers who take a positive approach to hiring and retaining workers with disabilities.

During Fiscal Year 1989 a total of 1,362 handicapped individuals sought employment through the R.I. Job Service system of local offices. Approximately 33% of them - 448 were placed in jobs. In the past 45 years the Job Service has accentuated the positive - that a worker's abilities are far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers wanting to hire qualified handicapped workers are encouraged to list their job openings with the Job Bank - 277-3588 or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service. They are listed in the blue pages of the telephone directory under Employment Security Department.

GOOD NEWS FOR RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS!

As you know the Department of Employment Security has been collecting quarterly wage records from all Rhode Island employers since the first quarter of 1988. Beginning on October 1, 1989 this wage information will be used to compute Unemployment Insurance (U.I.) claims.

How will this benefit you as an employer? In most cases you will no longer be required to send in wage information on your former employees when they file a claim for U.I. benefits. The wage data necessary to compute the claim should already be on our files.

The claimant's last employer will be asked to return a form to verify the separation information given by the claimant. Any other base period employer whose account may be charged for a portion of the benefits will be notified. It will not be necessary for them to respond unless they disagree with their potential liability for such charges. The new forms will be computer generated and will be somewhat different than the forms you receive now.

These changes will speed up the claims process and reduce your paperwork. Questions on these changes should be directed to the Administrative Benefits Division of the Department of Employment Security (277-3651).

NOTE: Employers will, however, continue to be required to provide wage information at the time individual employees file claims for Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI).

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

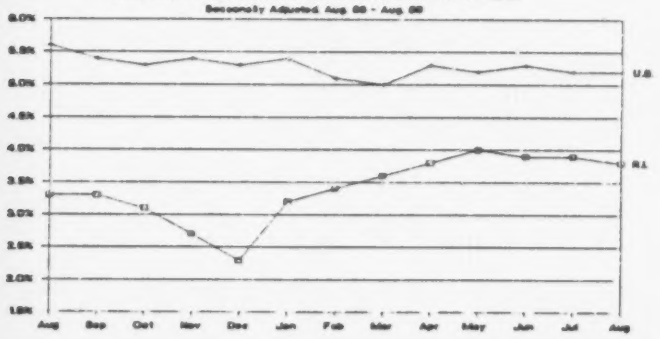
	August 1989	July 1989	August 1988	
Civilian Labor Force	534 3	537 8*	537.8	
Unemployment	19 2	21 4*	16 4	
Rate (Unadjusted)	3 6	4 0*	3 0	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.8	3 9	3 3	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	August 1989	July 1989	August 1988
Civilian Labor Force	125,444	126,238	123,396
Unemployment	6,352	6,736	6,659
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.3	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.2	5.6

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	August 1989	July 1989	August 1988	July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	455.9	456.9	456.3	- 1000	- 400
MANUFACTURING	111.1	109.6	113.2	+ 1500	- 2100
NONMANUFACTURING	344 8	347.3	343.1	- 2500	+ 1700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	23.4	23.4	22.3	0	+ 1100
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.3	15.7	15.5	- 1400	- 1200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	105.6*	105 4	105.4	+ 200	+ 200
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	26 8	26 8	26.7	0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	117.5	117.9	116.3	- 400	+ 1200
GOVERNMENT	57.2	58.1	56.9	- 900	+ 300

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

August 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	111.1	356.59	39.1	9.12
DURABLE GOODS	75 6	350.36	38 8	9 03
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	428.37	39 3	10.90
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.9	466.29	38 6	12 08
PRIMARY METALS	4.3	416 58	41.7	9.99
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	350.88	40.8	8.60
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6	463 84	41.6	11.15
ELECTRICAL MACH.	10.6	330.22	38.0	8.69
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	9.0	440.78	37.9	11 63
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	380.37	40.9	9.30
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.3	283.86	38.0	7.47
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.3	272.92	34.9	7.82
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.5	369 74	39 8	9.29
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.7	364.01	40.9	8.90
TEXTILES	9.6	319 60	39.9	8.01
APPAREL	2.1	292.14	38.9	7.51
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	362.20	41 3	8.77
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	471.96	36.7	12.86
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.3	463.56	41.5	11.17
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	401.00	42.3	9.48
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.8	384.48	40.6	9.47
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	268.13	39.9	6.72

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Overall Rhode Island establishment employment climbed to 459,300 in September as a result of education - related gains in the nonmanufacturing sector along with some seasonal hiring in manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. Despite the monthly gain of 3,400, the current jobs total, still impacted by a continuing labor dispute in the Communications industry, remains 1,200 below the year ago September level.

Nonmanufacturing employment rose by 2,300 to 347,100 in the August-September period and was up 1,000 compared to a year ago. Employment levels in Services, at 1,700, and Government, at 1,100, reflected the return of school personnel. In addition, an increase of 100 workers was reported in Transportation/Public Utilities. Trade employment was off 400 for the month while declines of 100 each were posted in Contract Construction and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

Manufacturing employment rose by 1,100 in September to 112,200. Compared to a year ago, however, factory jobs were down 2,200. Employment levels in both Durable Goods (+600) and Nondurable Goods (+500) increased from the previous month. Job gains of 200 each were recorded in Electrical Machinery, Jewelry-Silverware and Food-Beverage followed by smaller upturns of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, Apparel, Chemical Products and Plastics Products. The remaining segments - six in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods were unchanged from August to September. The September work week averaged 39.5 hours, up 0.3 of an hour from last month, but down 0.1 of an hour compared to a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.14 in September, up 4 cents form August and 51 cents from September 1988.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 3.9 percent in September, up one-tenth of a percent from August. This rate has shown little change over the past five months, but is up 0.6 percent from last September. The unadjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.6 percent in August to 4.0 percent last month which was also 0.6 percent higher than last September. The number of unemployed persons in Rhode Island increased to 21,000 in September, up 1,600 over the month and 3,000 over the year.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate in September was unchanged from last month's estimate of 5.1 percent. The current U.S. seasonally adjusted rate increased a tenth of a percent to 5.3 percent from an estimated 5.2 percent in August.

DIRECTORY OF LOCAL JOB SERVICE OFFICES

Bristol County	470 Metacom Avenue Warren, RI 02885	245-9300
East Providence	877 Broadway East Providence, RI 02914	277-3546
Newport County	73 Valley Road Middletown, RI 02840	847-3680
Pawtucket	109 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860	722-7500
Providence	130 West Exchange St. Providence, RI 02903	277-3556
Wakefield	Oliver Stedman Gov't. Ctr. Tower Hill Road Wakefield, RI 02879	789-9721
Warwick	50 Airport Road Warwick, RI 02889	737-9624
Westerly	57 Spruce Street Westerly, RI 02891	596-2814
West Warwick	1330 Main St. West Warwick, RI 02893	828-6134
Woonsocket	217 Pond St. Woonsocket, RI 02895	762-9010

EMPLOYERS! LIST YOUR HOLIDAY JOB OPENINGS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

Are you a retailer planning to hire additional sales people for the approaching holiday season? Perhaps a manufacturer considering the addition of another shift or adding part-time or full-time help to your present shift?

The Rhode Island Job Service is the State's largest single source of job-ready applicants. Now is the time to list your openings with the Job Service. Our responsibility is to work with employers across the entire spectrum of the work force, providing a full range of employees from the assembly line to the front office. Professional job interviewers in each of our ten local offices will screen and refer applicants for your consideration. You make the final selection. We can also assist you in describing your jobs accurately as you prepare your job orders. This saves you, or your personnel staff, valuable time and money in recruiting and interviewing.

For fifty-six years, Job Service has been working hard to keep Americans working. The Rhode Island Job Service is proud to be a part of this nation-wide system.

We're ready to help with your holiday hiring needs. Please call your job orders into the Job Bank at 277-3588 or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed elsewhere in this bulletin. We're open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

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(In Thousands)

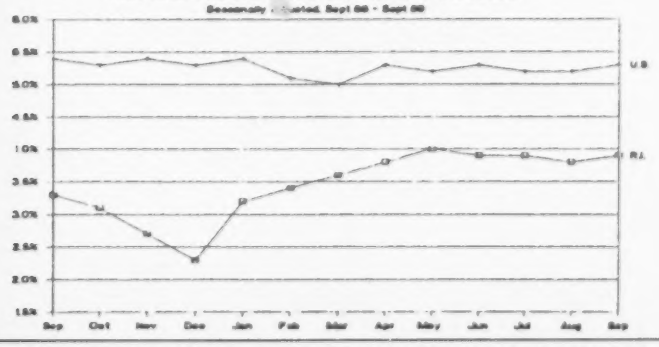
	September 1989	August 1989	September 1988
Civilian Labor Force	527.9	534.5	532.8
Unemployment	21.0	19.4	18.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.6	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.9	3.8	3.3

UNITED STATES

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	September 1989	August 1989	September 1988
Civilian Labor Force	123,828	125,444	121,842
Unemployment	6,330	6,352	6,368
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.1	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.2	5.4

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



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	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Sept 1989	Aug 1989	Sept 1988	NET CHANGE FROM Aug 1989	Sept 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	459.3	455.9	460.5	+ 3400	- 1200
MANUFACTURING	112.2	111.1	114.4	+ 1100	- 2200
NONMANUFACTURING	347.1	344.8	346.1	+ 2300	+ 1000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	23.3	23.4	22.2	- 100	+ 1100
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.4*	14.3*	15.8	+ 100	- 1400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	105.2	105.6	104.8	- 400	+ 400
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.7	26.8	26.6	- 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	119.2	117.5	118.2	+ 1700	+ 1000
GOVERNMENT	58.3	57.2	58.5	+ 1100	- 200

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DURABLE GOODS	76.1	356.06	39.3	9.06
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	435.81	39.8	10.95
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.9	495.72	40.8	12.15
PRIMARY METALS	4.3	427.98	42.5	10.07
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	356.38	41.2	8.65
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PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	361.90	40.8	8.87
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	467.54	36.3	12.88
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.4	466.07	41.8	11.15
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	404.50	42.4	9.54
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	380.95	40.1	9.50
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	280.16	41.2	6.80

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Total Rhode Island establishment employment rose by 100 jobs to 459,100 in October as an increase in the manufacturing sector more than offset a seasonal downturn in nonmanufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. While a year to year comparison of October levels shows a decline of 1,900 jobs, the current total continues to reflect the impact of an ongoing labor dispute in the Communications sector.

Overall factory employment rose by 200 in the September-October period, but was down 2,400 compared to a year ago. Employment in the Durable Goods industry advanced by 300 from last month, while Nondurable Goods employment levels were off by 100. Job gains of 100 each were registered in Primary Metals, Transportation Equipment, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment, Chemical Products and Rubber Products. In contrast , job decreases were reported in Textiles and Printing-Publishing (-200 and -100, respectively). The remaining factory segments - seven in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods showed no change from last month.

The October work week averaged 39.3 hours, down 0.2 an hour from last month, but up 0.3 of an hour compared to October 1988. Production workers averaged $9.16 in October, up 4 cents from September and 44 cents from a year ago.

Despite a monthly decline of 100 in the Nonmanufacturing sector, the current employment total of 346,800 represents a gain of 500 jobs from October 1988. Seasonal monthly downturns were recorded in Contract Construction (-600) and Trade (-500), followed by smaller decreases of 100 each in Services and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate. Overall Government employment rose by 1,200 (education-related gains), while job levels in Transportation/Public Utilities showed no change from the previous month.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up for the second consecutive month. The October rate was estimated at 4.3 percent, up 0.3 of a percent from September and 1.2 percentage points from the October 1989 estimate of 3.1 percent.

The state's unadjusted unemployment figures reflected little change from last month - the number of unemployed persons decreased by 300 to 21,000 while the unadjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.0 percent..

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.0 percent in October, down 0.1 of a percent from September. The current U.S. seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged from the September estimate of 5.3 percent.

1990 TAXABLE WAGE BASE

The taxable wage bases for the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance Programs have been determined for calendar year 1990. John S. Renza, Director of the Department of Employment Security, recently announced that the wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid during the 1990 tax year, which begins January 1, will be $13,800.

The 1990 taxable wage base for Unemployment Insurance is equal to 70 percent of the 1988 average annual wage earned by workers covered by the program - rounded upward to the next even multiple of $200. The 1988 average annual wage for workers covered by the E.S. Act was $19,546.

A revised formula for determining the T.D.I. taxable wage base was enacted by the General Assembly in its 1989 session. It sets the base at the amount of annual earnings needed by a worker to qualify for the maximum T.D.I. benefit entitlement. The $22,500 wage base for 1990 represents the annual earnings needed to qualify for the current maximum weekly benefit amount of $270 (excluding dependents' allowances) and the maximum duration of 30 weeks. The employee tax rate for Temporary Disability Insurance will remain at 1.0 percent of the new T.D.I. wage base.

The new wage bases will be shown along with individual employer tax rates on the first quarter notices that will be mailed next March.

TAX CREDITS FOR EMPLOYERS

As an employer, you can earn tax credits to offset your business tax liability if you hire certain workers from nine different target groups through the Rhode Island Job Service.

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program (TJTC) has now been extended through 1990. Originally established eleven years ago, the TJTC program continues to offer a cost-effective way of increasing private sector employment opportunities for individuals in the nine target groups who traditionally have had difficulty finding and holding jobs.

TJTC is simple and requires very little paperwork. The credit is 40 percent of the eligible employee's first year wages, a total tax credit of up to $2,400 based on the first $6,000 of earnings. The applicant must be a first-time employee of your firm and you must retain the worker for 90 days or 120 hours of paid employment, which ever comes first. The Rhode Island Job Service is the certifying agency.

Interested? For more information about the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program, contact any local office of your Rhode Island Job Service or call 277-3724.

When it comes to business taxes, give yourself credit!

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	October 1989	September* 1989	October 1988
Civilian Labor Force	527.4	528.1	532.5
Resident Employment	506.4	506.8	516.9
Unemployment	21.0	21.3	15.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	4.0	2.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	4.3	4.0	3.1

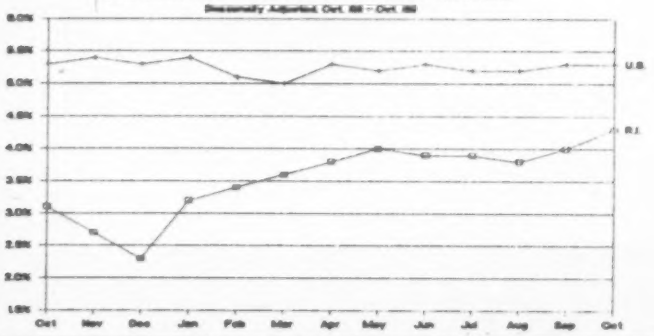
*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	October 1989	September 1989	October 1988
Civilian Labor Force	124,416	123,828	122,432
Resident Employment	118,194	117,498	116,250
Unemployment	6,222	6,330	6,182
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	5.1	5.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.3	5.3

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Oct. 1989	Sept. 1989	Oct. 1988	NET CHANGE FROM Sept. 1989	Oct 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	459.1	459.0	461.0	+ 100	- 1900
MANUFACTURING	112.3	112.1	114.7	+ 200	- 2400
NONMANUFACTURING	346.8	346.9	346.3	- 100	+ 500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	22.6	23.2	22.0	- 600	+ 600
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.4*	14.4*	15.8	0	- 1400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	104.6	105.1	104.2	- 500	+ 400
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.6	26.7	26.5	- 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	119.1	119.2	118.0	- 100	+ 1100
GOVERNMENT	59.5	58.3	59.8	+ 1200	- 300

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

October 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	112.3	359.99	39.3	9.16
DURABLE GOODS	76.3	355.03	39.1	9.08
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	431.82	39.4	10.96
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.9	499.76	41.2	12.13
PRIMARY METALS	4.4	429.94	42.4	10.14
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	348.19	40.3	8.64
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6	453.40	40.7	11.14
ELECTRICAL MACH.	10.8	337.31	38.2	8.83
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	9.1	455.11	38.7	11.76
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	357.34	38.3	9.33
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.5	292.43	39.2	7.46
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.4	274.38	34.6	7.93
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.0	371.73	39.8	9.34
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	356.61	39.8	8.96
TEXTILES	9.5	326.78	39.9	8.19
APPAREL	2.1	303.91	40.2	7.56
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	367.28	41.5	8.85
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	465.48	36.0	12.93
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.5	463.56	41.5	11.17
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	384.96	40.1	9.60
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	389.78	40.9	9.53
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	283.03	41.5	6.82

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Rhode Island's establishment employment rose by 1,000 in November to 459,900, primarily the result of seasonal gains in Nonmanufacturing which more than offset a small decrease in the number of factory jobs, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. Despite the monthly job gain, a year-to-year comparison of November levels shows a decline of 2,800 jobs. However, half of this is due to the impact of a labor dispute in the Communications sector which was not settled until after the mid-month survey period.

Nonmanufacturing employment advanced by 1,200 to the November level of 347,800, and was up 400 compared to the same month a year ago. Pre-holiday hiring boosted Trade employment by 1,400 in November, while overall Government jobs increased 500 from last month. In contrast, monthly employment in Services was off 600, followed by a seasonal downturn of 100 in Contract Construction. Job levels in both Transportation/Public Utilities and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate showed no change from the previous month.

Total factory employment in the state fell by 200 in the October-November period to 112,100; in addition, this figure is 3,200 below the year ago level of 115,300. Employment in the Durable Goods category was unchanged from last month, while the Nondurable Goods producing industries were down 200. Monthly job gains of 100 each were recorded in Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Food-Beverage. Contrary to this, monthly employment declines of 100 each were posted in Lumber/Furniture, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment, Textiles, Apparel and Chemical Products. The remaining factory segments - six in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods reported stable employment from October to November.

The November work week averaged 39.3 hours, up 0.1 of an hour from both last month and a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.20 in November, up 4 cents from October and 41 cents from November 1988.

Rhode Island's unemployment rates showed little change in November increasing by only a tenth of a percentage point on both an unadjusted and seasonally adjusted basis - the former rate stood at 4.1 percent while the latter was estimated at 4.4 percent. Correspondingly, the number of unemployed rose slightly (+ 300) to the November level of 21,600. One year ago, the state's unemployment rates were placed at 2.5 percent (unadjusted) and 2.7 percent (adjusted).

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate advanced to 5.2 percent in November from the previous month's estimate of 5.0 percent. The current U.S. seasonally adjusted rate stands at 5.4 percent, up one-tenth of a percent from the October rate of 5.3 percent.

SEASONS GREETINGS
AND A WORD OF THANKS
TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

John S. Renza, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and workers earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of Employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs.

To all, a Happy and prosperous New Year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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The Job Bank, a service of the Rhode Island Job Service, offers you the opportunity to find and hire qualified workers - without costly recruitment or valuable time spent giving your job listings to several Job Service offices.

One call - to 277-3588 - does it all. A professional interviewer takes the relevant information about your openings - type of work, duties, days and hours, experience and education and salary. The order is computerized and microfilmed for next-day distribution to all ten local Job Service Offices throughout Rhode Island. You see only the number of job applicants you wish. We'll do our best to refer the best suited job-seeker in the shortest possible time after we take your job order.

Job Bank brings people and jobs together. You have already paid for the service - there are no fees charged either to you for listing the order or to the applicant for the screening and referral.

When you need workers, call 277-3588. Outside the greater Providence area??? Call your nearest Job Service Office - they're listed in the blue section of the phone book under Employment Security Department.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

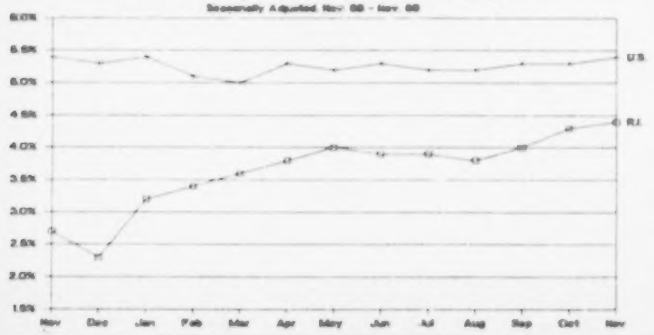
	November 1989	October 1989	November 1988
Civilian Labor Force	532.6	527.6	536.8
Resident Employment	510.9	506.2	523.6
Unemployment	21.6	21.3	13.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	4.0	2.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	4.4	4.3	2.7

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	November 1989	October 1989	November 1988
Civilian Labor Force	124,664	124,416	122,639
Resident Employment	118,168	118,194	116,314
Unemployment	6,495	6,222	6,325
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.0	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.4	5.3	5.4

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



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	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Nov. 1989	Oct. 1989	Nov. 1988	NET CHANGE FROM Oct. 1989	Nov. 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	459.9	458.9	452.7	+ 1000	- 2800
MANUFACTURING	112.1	112.3	115.3	- 200	- 3200
NONMANUFACTURING	347.8	346.6	347.4	+ 1200	+ 400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	22.4	22.5	21.9	- 100	+ 500
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.4*	14.4*	15.9	0	- 1500
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.2	104.8	105.7*	+ 1400	+ 500
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.6	26.6	26.5	0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	118.2	118.8	117.3	- 600	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	60.0	59.5	60.1	+ 500	- 100

*Labor Dispute

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November 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	112.1	361.56	39.3	9.20
DURABLE GOODS	76.2	358.81	39.3	9.13
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	431.74	39.5	10.93
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.9	487.63	40.2	12.13
PRIMARY METALS	4.4	407.42	40.1	10.16
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	347.73	40.2	8.65
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6	457.97	41.0	11.17
ELECTRICAL MACH.	10.8	345.54	39.0	8.86
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	9.1	469.24	39.8	11.79
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	370.60	39.3	9.43
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.4	293.53	39.4	7.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.3	275.20	34.4	8.00
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.9	367.85	39.3	9.36
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	346.62	38.3	9.05
TEXTILES	9.5	323.51	39.5	8.19
APPAREL	2.1	307.63	40.8	7.54
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	359.23	40.5	8.87
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	469.20	36.4	12.89
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.4	456.14	40.8	11.18
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	384.96	40.1	9.60
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	383.84	39.9	9.62
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	272.96	40.2	6.79

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R.I. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

We've changed our name, as you'll note on the masthead above...and adopted a new logo!

Legislation enacted in the 1989 session of the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Edward D. DiPrete, changed the name of the Department of Employment Security to the Department of Employment and Training. The law also incorporates the Job Training Partnership Act functions of the Department of Economic Development into the new department. The merger was effective on January 1, 1990.

The name change more accurately reflects our broadened mission and responsibility to our fellow citizens. The Department of Employment and Training will continue to serve Rhode Island employers and job seekers with a full range of employment services through our statewide system of local offices. Further information about the programs and services of the Department will appear in future issues of the Employment Bulletin.

RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - DECEMBER 1989

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment increased in December primarily as a result of pre-holiday hiring in Trade and the settlement of a labor dispute in the Communications segment which more than offset seasonal reductions in Manufacturing. Although the December total represents a monthly job gain of 2,800, it is 1,800 below the December 1988 level of 464,400.

Nonmanufacturing employment advanced by 4,000 in the November-December period to 351,900 mainly due to additional hiring in Trade (+ 2,300) and the settlement of the labor dispute in the Communications segment of Transportation/Public Utilities (+ 1,400). Monthly job gains were also recorded in Government (+ 400) and Services (+ 100). A seasonal decline of 200 occurred in Contract Construction, while employment in Finance/Insurance/Real Estate showed no change from last month. Compared to a year ago, current total nonfactory employment is up by 1,700 jobs.

The number of factory jobs in the state totalled 110,700 in December, reflecting a decrease of 1,200 from last month and a drop of 3,500 from the December 1988 figure. Employment levels in both Durable and Nondurable Goods reflected monthly declines - the former was down 1,100 while the latter decreased by 100. The largest seasonal decreases took place in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-500) and Jewelry-Silverware (-400). Also down over the month were Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Plastics Products (-100 each). Employment in Transportation Equipment posted the only monthly gain (+ 100) while the remaining segments - four in Durable Goods and eight in Nondurable Goods were unchanged from November.

The December work week averaged 39.2 hours, down 0.1 of an hour from both last month and a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.25 in December, up 4 cents from November and 40 cents when compared to December 1988.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in December, rising to 5.1 percent from an estimated 4.5 percent last month. The state's unadjusted unemployment rate stood at 4.8 percent in December, up 0.7 of a percent from the November estimate of 4.1 percent. The number of unemployed rose to 25,500, up 3,400 from last month's estimate of 22,100.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate decreased from 5.2 percent in November to the December estimate of 5.1 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the December rate was unchanged from last month's estimate of 5.3 percent.

1990 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX RATES

Rhode Island employers will continue to pay unemployment insurance taxes in 1990 based on the same lower tax schedule that took effect in 1989, the third consecutive year that a schedule lower than the maximum allowed by law will be followed.

New employers - those who have not been covered by the Employment Security Act for three full experience years - will be subject to a lower rate effective January 1, 1990. The rate for new employers is 2.0 percent of their taxable payroll, a decrease from last year's rate of 2.2 percent.

The wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid during the 1990 tax year is $13,800. The tax schedule to be in effect each year is determined by the financial condition of the Employment Security Fund, as measured by the Reserve Ratio of the Fund as of September 30 of the preceding year.

The Fund reserve balance on September 30, 1989, totalled $293,649,610, an increase of 35.1 million for the year, and the Reserve Ratio equalled 7.39% of the $3,974,516,204 in taxable wages paid by Rhode Island employers during the twelve months ending June 30, 1989. A reserve ratio between 6.5% and 8.5% calls for Tax Schedule F, which contains employer rates ranging from 1.4% to 7.3%.

All tax rates continue to be offset by 0.1% to finance the Job Development Fund which was established on January 1, 1989. Rhode Island employers will be notified of their individual tax rates prior to April 1, 1990.

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Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

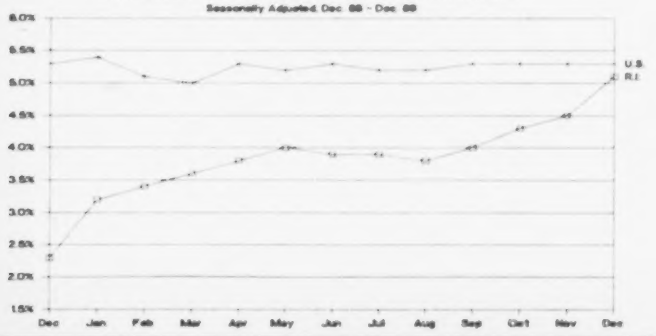
	December 1989	November 1989*	December 1988	
Civilian Labor Force	530.5	532.9	533.9	
Resident Employment	505.0	510.9	523.0	
Unemployment	25.5	22.1	10.9	
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.1	2.0	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.1	4.5	2.3	Revised*

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	December 1989	November 1989	December 1988
Civilian Labor Force	123,998	124,664	122,120
Resident Employment	117,698	118,168	115,978
Unemployment	6,300	6,495	6,142
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.2	5.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.3	5.3

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	462.6	459.8	464.4	+ 2800	- 1800
MANUFACTURING	110.7	111.9	114.2	- 1200	- 3500
NONMANUFACTURING	351.9	347.9	350.2	+ 4000	+ 1700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	22.1	22.3	21.8	- 200	+ 300
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.8	14.4*	15.9	+ 1400	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	108.6	106.3	108.0*	+ 2300	+ 600
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.6	26.6	26.5	0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	118.3	118.2	117.4	+ 100	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	60.5	60.1	60.6	+ 400	- 100

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December 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	110.7	362.60	39.2	9.25
DURABLE GOODS	74.9	358.02	39.0	9.18
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	424.79	38.9	10.92
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	485.62	40.2	12.08
PRIMARY METALS	4.3	405.96	39.8	10.20
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	343.39	39.2	8.76
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6	463.68	41.4	11.20
ELECTRICAL MACH.	10.7	345.25	39.1	8.83
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	9.2	466.49	39.3	11.87
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	364.17	38.7	9.41
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.0	290.22	38.8	7.48
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	279.75	35.1	7.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	35.8	370.36	39.4	9.40
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	343.04	38.2	8.98
TEXTILES	9.4	327.18	39.9	8.20
APPAREL	2.1	301.95	40.1	7.53
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	358.75	40.4	8.88
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.8	481.34	37.4	12.87
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.4	440.16	39.3	11.20
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	386.80	40.0	9.67
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.8	392.28	40.4	9.71
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	269.47	40.4	6.67

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Rhode Island Employment and Unemployment - January 1990

Total Rhode Island establishment employment fell in January with decreases occurring in both the Goods Producing and Service Producing segments of the state's economy. The January job total of 453,000 represents a monthly decline of 10,400 and is 900 below the January 1989 figure of 453,900.

Employment Estimates Revised

Published estimates for 1988 and 1989 have been revised to a first quarter 1989 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1988-1989.

Total employment among the Service Producing industries declined 6,600 in the December-January period to 330,000 but was up 3,900 from the year ago figure. Seasonal downturns in Wholesale/Retail Trade resulted in a monthly drop of 4,200 jobs. Employment levels in Services and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate fell by 1,200 and 800, respectively. A decrease of 300 occurred in Transportation/Public Utilities, while overall Government employment was down 100 in January.

The number of jobs in the Goods Producing sector totalled 123,000 in January, reflecting a downturn of 3,800 from last month and a decline of 4,800 from the January 1989 level. Contract Construction, posted a seasonal job decrease of 1,800 resulting in the January employment level of 17,700. Overall factory jobs, at 105,300, showed a monthly decrease of 2,000 and an annual downtrend of 4,100. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a reduction of 1,500 jobs from December while those in Nondurable Goods were down 500. The most substantial monthly job decline (-1,100) was recorded in Jewelry-Silverware. Smaller employment decreases of 100 each occurred in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment, Food-Beverage, Textiles, Apparel, Paper Products, Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products. In contrast, employment in Electrical Machinery and Rubber Products increased by 200 and 100, respectively. Instruments, Plastics Products and Leather Products job totals remained stable during the month.

The January work week averaged 39.5 hours, down 0.1 of an hour from last month, but up 0.1 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.30 in January, up 4 cents from December and 38 cents compared to January 1989.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.8 to 6.3 percent in January from an estimated 5.5 percent in December. The state's unadjusted unemployment rate increased from the December estimate of 5.0 percent to a January level of 6.4 percent. Correspondingly, the jobless total increased to 33,400 in January, up 7,100 from the previous month's figure of 26,300.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate advanced by 0.8 of a percentage point - from 5.1 percent in December to 5.9 percent in January. When adjusted to account for seasonality, the rate was unchanged at 5.3 percent.

CHANGES TO ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES

In accordance with new Bureau of Labor Statistics guidelines, several changes have been made to the way in which we report establishment employment figures.

Total employment is now broken out into two main categories: Goods Producing and Service Producing. Further, Contract Construction (formerly in Nonmanufacturing) is now part of the Goods Producing category along with Total Manufacturing. The Service Producing category consists of all former Nonmanufacturing sectors, except Contract Construction.

These changes are for reporting purposes only and will not affect the overall employment totals.

TAX CREDITS FOR EMPLOYERS

Recent federal legislation has extended the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program (TJTC) through the end of the current Federal fiscal year - September 30, 1990. The program, originally established in 1978, is a cost-effective way of increasing private sector employment opportunities for individuals in nine target groups who traditionally have had difficulty obtaining and holding jobs. TJTC offers you the employer, a credit against your business tax liability when you hire and retain persons from these targeted groups.

TJTC is a one-year credit and it amounts to 40% of the first year wages up to $6,000 per employee. You are allowed a maximum credit of $2,400 per employee for the first year of employment. In order to claim the credit, you must retain the worker for 90 days or 120 hours, whichever comes first. (14 days or 20 hours in the economically-disadvantaged summer youth category). Certification requests must be postmarked prior to or on the day the employee begins work.

Requests for certification must specify that the worker is potentially eligible for at least one but not more than two target groups. You must certify that a good faith effort was made to determine that the individual is a target group member. Both these program changes apply to individuals who started work after December 31, 1989; they do not apply if the individual has a valid voucher as a target group member.

Employers may qualify for tax credits under the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program when they hire from the following target groups:

(A) A Vocational Rehabilitation Referral,
(B) An Economically Disadvantaged Youth,
(C) An Economically Disadvantaged Vietnam-Era Veteran,
(D) A Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipient,
(E) A General Assistance Recipient,
(F) A Youth Participating in a Cooperative Education Program,
(G) An Economically Disadvantaged Ex-Convict,
(H) An Eligible Work Incentive Employee (Includes WIN Demonstration Participants and AFDC Recipients),
(J) A Qualified Summer Youth.

The Rhode Island Department of Employment and Training determines the eligibility of workers for all categories of the program and issues the certification required for you to receive the tax credits. It does not, however, assume responsibility for workers hired prior to being vouchered for TJTC.

Further information about TJTC is available by contacting any local office of the Rhode Island Department of Employment and Training or calling (401) 277-3724.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	January 1990	December* 1989	January* 1989
Civilian Labor Force	522.9	528.1	513.3
Resident Employment	489.5	501.8	496.9
Unemployment	33.4	26.3	16.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	5.0	3.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.3	5.5	3.2

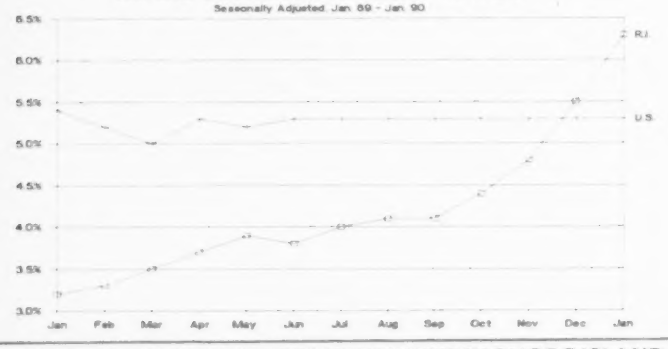
*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	January 1990	December 1989	January 1989
Civilian Labor Force	123,293	123,998	122,095
Resident Employment	116,037	117,698	114,786
Unemployment	7,256	6,300	7,309
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.9	5.1	6.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.3	5.4

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Jan 1990	Dec 1989	Jan 1989	NET CHANGE FROM Dec 1989	Jan 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	453.0	463.4	453.9	- 10,400	- 900
GOODS PRODUCING	123.0	126.8	127.8	- 3,800	- 4,800
MANUFACTURING	105.3	107.3	109.4	- 2,000	- 4,100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.7	19.5	18.4	- 1,800	- 700
SERVICE PRODUCING	330.0	336.6	326.1	- 6,600	+ 3,900
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.9	15.2	15.1	- 300	- 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	105.4	109.6	105.3	- 4,200	+ 100
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.6	27.4	26.6	- 800	0
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	123.6	124.8	119.6	- 1,200	+ 4,000
GOVERNMENT	59.5	59.6	59.5	- 100	0

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

January 1990

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	105.3	367.35	39.5	9.30
DURABLE MFG.	71.3	364.31	39.3	9.27
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	433.15	38.4	11.28
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.4	489.21	40.7	12.02
PRIMARY METALS	4.1	398.82	39.1	10.20
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	334.95	38.5	8.70
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.7	463.70	41.7	11.12
ELECTRICAL MACH.	6.5	352.41	39.2	8.99
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.1	509.41	42.7	11.93
INSTRUMENTS	7.3	401.53	42.4	9.47
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	20.4	285.38	38.0	7.51
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	292.94	35.9	8.16
NONDURABLE MFG.	34.0	373.46	39.9	9.36
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	340.73	38.5	8.85
TEXTILES	9.0	330.83	40.1	8.25
APPAREL	1.7	315.93	40.4	7.82
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.1	359.04	40.8	8.80
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.7	453.08	37.6	12.05
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	455.20	40.0	11.38
RUBBER PRODUCTS	5.9	428.07	41.2	10.39
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	0.8	365.09	39.9	9.15
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.0	284.61	40.6	7.01

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - FEBRUARY 1990

Total Rhode Island establishment employment rose slightly in the January-February period to a level of 454,100, mainly the result of gains in the Service industry and the Durable Goods manufacturing sector which more than offset seasonal declines in Construction and Trade. Although the February job total represents a monthly gain of 500, it is 100 below the year ago figure of 454,200.

Overall employment in the Goods Producing sector increased by 400 over the month to 124,500, which reflects a decrease of 2,800 from the February 1989 level. Contract Construction jobs continued to decline seasonally (-100) dropping to 17,600 in February. Total factory employment, at 106,900, rebounded somewhat in February posting a monthly increase of 500. The February manufacturing total is, however, 2,400 below the comparable 1989 figure. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a monthly upturn of 500 while employment in Nondurable Goods showed no overall change. The largest monthly job increase occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+300) followed by smaller gains of 100 each in Primary Metals, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment and Textiles. Employment in Leather Products registered the only downturn (-100) from last month. Employment levels in the remaining fourteen industrial categories - seven each in Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from January.

The February work week averaged 39.7 hours up 0.1 of an hour from last month and 0.2 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.29 in February, down 1 cent from January but up 35 cents compared to February 1989.

Employment among the state's Service Producing industries totalled 329,600 in February, up 100 from January and 2,700 from a year ago. Monthly job gains were recorded in Services (+300), Government (+200) and Transportation/Public Utilities (+100). Trade employment fell seasonally (-500) in the January-February period while Finance/Insurance/Real Estate jobs showed no change from last month.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 6.6 percent in February, up 0.2 of a percentage point from January. For the same period, the state's unadjusted rate rose from 6.4 to 7.2 percent.

One year ago the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted rates stood at 3.3 and 3.6 percent, respectively. The February jobless total increased to 37,700 from the previous month's estimate of 33,700.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 of a percent to 5.8 in February while the seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged from the January estimate of 5.3 percent.

"WE'VE MOVED"

The central offices of the Rhode Island Department of Employment and Training, including the Labor Market Information unit which produces this Employment Bulletin, have moved from 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. to:

Jesse Metcalf Building
101 Friendship Street
Providence, R.I. 02903-3740

The Providence Employment and Training (formerly Job Service) and the Providence Unemployment Insurance Benefits offices occupy the first floor of the Metcalf building, along with the branch office of the Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training. The Temporary Disability Insurance Division of the department as well as the Appeals Board of Review are on the second floor. The various units dealing with employer registration and taxation matters and the department's administration offices are located on the third and fourth floors, respectively.

Telephone numbers for these and all other units previously locatd at 24 Mason Street, Providence remain the same.

We look forward to providing continuing service from our new location to Rhode Island's employer community and the citizens of our state.

EMPLOYERS!
HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUTH THIS SUMMER

This summer you can give a young person the chance of a lifetime - for a lifetime of success!

Your firm or business can save in taxes by taking a credit for hiring young people into summer jobs. Again in 1990 the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program allows you to give youngsters an opportunity for a job and give your business a tax break at the same time.

By hiring an eligible young person between May 1 and September 15 you can earn a tax credit of 40% of the first $3,000 paid in wages to each eligible employee.

To be eligible for the tax credit, the young person you hire must be:

- 16 - 17 years of age
- Economically disadvantaged
- First-time employee of your company
- Employed a minimum of 14 days or 20 hours

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program is different and it's easy. Only two simple forms are used to establish the new worker's eligibility for the credit. The Rhode Island Job Service will do the determination for you. List your TJTC Summer Youth job orders with the Rhode Island Job Service at 277-3588.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

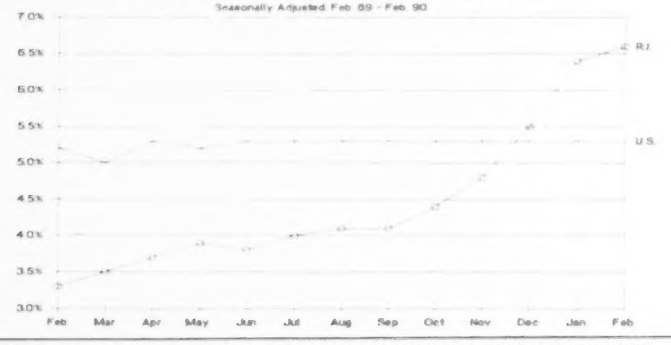
	February 1990	January* 1990	February* 1989	
Civilian Labor Force	521.9	526.4	513.5	
Resident Employment	484.2	492.7	495.2	
Unemployment	37.7	33.7	18.3	
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.2	6.4	3.6	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.6	6.4	3.3	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989
Civilian Labor Force	123,442	123,293	121,906
Resident Employment	116,308	116,037	115,023
Unemployment	7,134	7,256	6,883
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.8	5.9	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.3	5.2

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Feb 1990	Jan 1990	Feb 1989	NET CHANGE FROM Jan 1990	Feb 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	454.1	453.6	454.2	+ 500	- 100
GOODS PRODUCING	124.5	124.1	127.3	+ 400	- 2,800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.6	17.7	18.0	- 100	- 400
MANUFACTURING	106.9	106.4	109.3	+ 500	- 2,400
SERVICE PRODUCING	329.6	329.5	326.9	+ 100	+ 2,700
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.0	14.9	15.1	+ 100	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	104.8	105.3	104.4	- 500	+ 400
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.6	26.6	26.6	0	0
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	123.5	123.2	121.2	+ 300	+ 2,300
GOVERNMENT	59.7	59.5	59.6	+ 200	+ 100

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

February 1990

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	106.9	368.81	39.7	9.29
DURABLE MFG.	72.6	364.45	39.4	9.25
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	441.34	39.3	11.23
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.4	489.21	40.7	12.02
PRIMARY METALS	4.2	413.71	40.6	10.19
FABRICATED METALS	9.1	336.78	38.8	8.68
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.8	464.51	41.4	11.22
ELECTRICAL MACH.	6.6	351.62	39.2	8.97
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.2	499.80	42.0	11.90
INSTRUMENTS	7.3	402.06	42.1	9.55
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	20.9	288.78	38.3	7.54
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	296.21	36.3	8.15
NONDURABLE MFG.	34.3	376.14	40.1	9.38
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	351.43	39.8	8.83
TEXTILES	9.2	329.60	40.0	8.24
APPAREL	1.7	321.94	40.7	7.91
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.2	354.71	40.4	8.78
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.7	450.82	37.6	11.99
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	479.34	41.9	11.44
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.8	358.55	39.1	9.17
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.9	431.19	41.5	10.39
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	284.49	40.7	6.99

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - MARCH 1990

Total wage and salary jobs in Rhode Island climbed to 455,500 in March, primarily the result of gains in Trade, Service and Construction which more than offset decreases in Manufacturing and Government. Although the March job total represents a monthly increase of 1,500, it is 1,800 below the year ago level of 457,300.

Employment in the Service Producing sector rose 1,500 in the February-March period to 331,000 and was up 2,400 compared to the March 1989 figure. Seasonal hiring in Trade and Services resulted in monthly job gains of 900 and 700, respectively. Payroll levels in both Transportation/Public Utilities and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate rose 100 in March while overall Government employment was down 300 from last month.

Employment among the state's Goods Producing industries totalled 124,500 in March - unchanged from February but down 4,200 on an annual comparison. Contract Construction employment, at 17,900, reflected a seasonal increase of 300 over the month. The number of factory jobs declined by 300 from February to the March level of 106,600. In addition, the current manufacturing total is 3,800 below the comparable 1989 figure. Manufacturers of Durable Goods recorded a monthly downturn of 300 jobs while employment in Nondurable Goods was unchanged from last month. Textile employment, which posted the only monthly gain (+200), was overshadowed by job declines in Jewelry-Silverware (-200), Instruments, Food/Beverage, and Chemical Products (-100 each). Employment levels in the remaining industrial categories - eight in Durable Goods and six in Nondurable Goods - showed no change from February

The March work week averaged 39.7 hours - unchanged from last month but up 0.1 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.35 in March, an increase of 4 cents from February and a gain of 36 cents compared to March 1989.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate stood at 7.0 percent in March, up 0.3 of a percent from the previous month's estimate of 6.7 percent. The unadjusted unemployment rate increased from the February estimate of 7.3 percent to the March level of 8.2 percent. Correspondingly, the jobless total advanced to 42,800 in March, an increase of 4,900 from the month earlier figure of 37,900.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 of a percent - from 5.8 percent in February to 5.4 percent in March. When adjusted to account for seasonal influences, the rate declined from 5.3 to 5.2 percent for the same period.

THE INTERSTATE JOB BANK AND YOU!

Have you ever tried to hire certain workers locally, only to find they are not available? Searching for workers outside the local area or in other states is costly and time consuming.

Now you can avail yourself of the world's largest employment service - the Interstate Job Bank operated by the Job Service nationwide. It may help you reduce or eliminate the expense of finding qualified workers for your firm.

Here's how the system works:

If qualified applicants cannot be found locally to fill your job orders, and you agree, your local Job Service will place your order into the Interstate Job Bank.

Your order will be included on a weekly updated list by the Interstate Job Bank and sent to over 2,000 Job Service offices throughout the country.

Applicants interested in your job offer will be screened by the trained staff of your local Job Service office after they submit their resumes. You select the people who interest you. Local Job Service staff will assist you in arranging interviews.

Interested in the Interstate Job Bank? For more information, contact the Rhode Island Job Service office nearest you or call 277-3724.

EMPLOYERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

When your employee files a claim for Temporary Disability Insurance benefits you play a critical part in the eligibility process. Following receipt of the application, the Department of Employment and Training sends you a request for wage and employment information.

This request - form TDI-4 - asks you to complete specific sections and return it within five working days to the Department.

The return of this form within the allotted time demonstrates a sense of fairness and consideration to your employee who is awaiting these much - needed benefits.

You also reduce or eliminate unnecessary phone calls and follow-up correspondence, and permit us to process the claim quickly.

And, finally, by returning the TDI-4 within five days, you protect your appeal rights while complying with Rhode Island law.

DET thanks the thousands of Rhode Island employers who respond in a prompt and efficient manner to requests for wage and employment information. So, too, do those many Rhode Island workers who received TDI benefits in the same manner.

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	March 1990	February* 1990	March* 1989	
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Unemployment	42.8	37.9	21.0	
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.2	7.3	4.0	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.0	6.7	3.5	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989
Civilian Labor Force	123,789	123,442	122,223
Resident Employment	117,093	116,308	115,844
Unemployment	6,697	7,134	6,378
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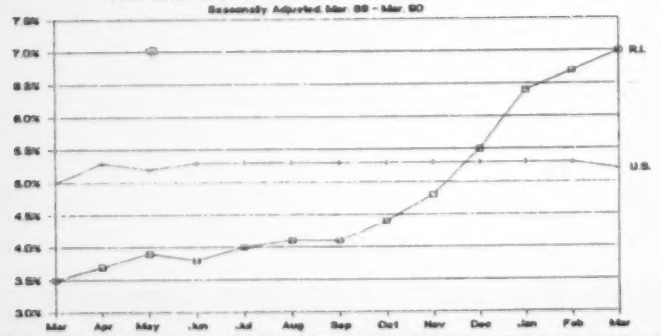
R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) Mar. 1990	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1989	NET CHANGE FROM Feb. 1990	Mar. 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	455.5	454.0	457.3	+ 1500	- 1800
GOODS PRODUCING	124.5	124.5	128.7	- 0	- 4200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	17.9	17.6	18.3	+ 300	- 400
MANUFACTURING	106.9	106.9	110.4	- 300	- 3800
SERVICE PRODUCING	331.0	329.5	328.6	+ 1500	+ 2400
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.1	15.0	15.1	+ 100	0
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	105.7	104.8	105.3	+ 900	+ 400
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.7	26.6	26.6	+ 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	124.2	123.5	122.1	+ 700	+ 2100
GOVERNMENT	59.3	59.6	59.5	- 300	- 200

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FABRICATED METALS	9.1	348.00	40.0	8.70
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.8	458.49	40.9	11.21
ELECTRICAL MACH.	6.6	351.62	39.2	8.97
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.2	499.09	41.8	11.94
INSTRUMENTS	7.2	402.90	42.1	9.57
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	20.7	288.04	38.0	7.58
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	301.02	36.8	8.18
NONDURABLE MFG.	34.3	376.80	40.0	9.42
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	351.25	39.6	8.87
TEXTILES	9.4	328.75	39.8	8.26
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PAPER PRODUCTS	2.2	359.72	40.6	8.86
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CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.9	473.20	41.4	11.43
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.8	364.98	39.5	9.24
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.9	434.72	41.8	10.40
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	284.09	40.7	6.98

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - APRIL 1990

Total Rhode Island wage and salary jobs rose in April as gains in the Service Producing sector and Contract Construction more than offset a decline in Manufacturing. The April job total of 457,500 represents a monthly increase of 2,000 but is 3,300 below the April 1989 figure of 460,800.

Overall employment among the Service Producing industries advanced 2,400 from the March level and 1,800 from the year ago figure to 333,600 in April. Seasonal gains in Services and Trade boosted job totals by 1,400 and 500, respectively. Monthly upturns of 200 each occurred in Government and Transportation/Public Utilities, followed by an increase of 100 in Finance/Insurance/Real Estate.

The number of jobs in the Goods Producing sector totalled 123,900 in April, reflecting a decline of 400 from last month and 5,100 from the April 1989 level. Contract Construction employment rose seasonally in April, climbing to 18,800, up 900 from the month earlier figure. Overall factory jobs, at 105,100, posted a monthly decrease of 1,300 and an annual downturn of 3,800. Manufacturers of Durable Goods recorded a decline of 600 jobs from March while those in Nondurable Goods were down 700. Monthly job reductions of 200 each were recorded in Electrical Machinery and Textiles, followed by decreases of 100 each in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Instruments, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment, Food-Beverage, Apparel, Paper Products, Chemical Products and Plastics Products. The only employment gain for the month (+100) was reported in Jewelry-Silverware,while job totals for the six remaining industries - three each in Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from March.

The April work week averaged 39.4 hours, down 0.3 of an hour from last month and 0.2 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.37 in April, up 3 cents from March and 37 cents compared to April 1989.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by 0.3 of a percent to 6.7 percent in April from an estimated 7.0 percent in March. The state's unadjusted unemployment rate also decreased over the month - from 8.2 percent in March to 7.1 percent in April. In concert with the decrease in the rate, the jobless total fell to 37,300 in April, down 5,600 from the prior month's figure of 42,900.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate rose in the March-April period - from 5.2 to 5.4 percent - its highest level in 15 months. On an unadjusted basis, the U.S. rate dropped to 5.2 percent, down 0.2 of a percent from the March level of 5.4 percent.

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE SURVEYS

The Labor Market Information Unit of this Department has been conducting a series of wage surveys among randomly selected employers in various industries in order to better respond to the considerable public demand for occupational wage data. The program surveys six of the major industrial groups on a rotating basis: Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation, Communications and Public Utilities, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, and Services. The Labor Market Information Unit reviews and compiles the collected information and publishes the results in an easily understood and usable format.

Our wage surveys have been designed to gather wage data for occupations that have been selected based on their prominence in the particular industry being surveyed. We now have occupational wage data available from the first round of surveys in all six major industrial categories. In addition, wage data from a Day Care/Nursery School survey is also available.

A second round of wage surveys will start soon. As always, the Department will continue to respect participating employer confidentiality. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation received from the hundreds of employers who responded to last year's survey request, and look forward to the cooperation of those selected this year. Copies of our latest wage surveys may be obtained without charge by writing the Labor Market Information Unit of this Department at 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903-3740, or by calling (401) 277-3706.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

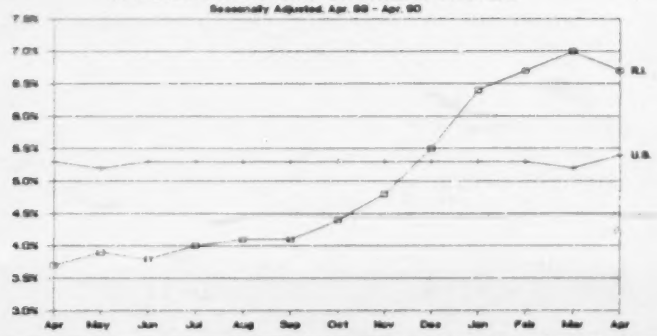
	April 1990	March* 1990	April* 1989	
Civilian Labor Force	524.8	523.4	523.8	
Resident Employment	487.4	480.6	503.3	
Unemployment	37.3	42.9	20.5	
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	8.2	3.9	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.7	7.0	3.7	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	April 1990	March 1990	April 1989
Civilian Labor Force	123,816	123,789	122,576
Resident Employment	117,359	117,093	116,347
Unemployment	6,457	6,697	6,229
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.4	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.4	5.2	5.3

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Apr. 1990	Mar. 1990	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1990	Apr. 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	457.5	455.5	460.8	+ 2000	- 3300
GOODS PRODUCING	123.9	124.3	129.0	- 400	- 5100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.8	17.9	20.1	+ 900	- 1300
MANUFACTURING	105.1	106.4	108.9	- 1300	- 3800
SERVICE PRODUCING	333.6	331.2	331.8	+ 2400	+ 1800
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.3	15.1	15.4	+ 200	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.2	105.7	105.9	+ 500	+ 300
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.8	26.7	26.7	+ 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	125.8	124.4	124.3	+ 1400	+ 1500
GOVERNMENT	59.5	59.3	59.5	+ 200	0

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

April 1990

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	105.1	369.18	39.4	9.37
DURABLE MFG.	71.7	365.34	39.2	9.32
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	444.99	39.0	11.41
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.4	490.04	40.6	12.07
PRIMARY METALS	4.1	421.89	41.2	10.24
FABRICATED METALS	9.0	341.82	39.2	8.72
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.7	459.10	40.7	11.28
ELECTRICAL MACH.	6.4	347.38	38.9	8.93
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.2	490.69	41.2	11.91
INSTRUMENTS	7.1	401.86	41.6	9.66
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	20.8	287.66	38.0	7.57
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	294.94	36.1	8.17
NONDURABLE MFG.	33.4	377.30	39.8	9.48
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.6	366.46	40.9	8.96
TEXTILES	9.2	331.50	39.7	8.35
APPAREL	1.6	306.92	38.9	7.89
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.1	364.27	40.7	8.95
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.6	453.66	37.9	11.97
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	456.00	40.0	11.40
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.8	433.24	41.3	10.49
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.8	371.33	39.8	9.33
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	282.20	40.2	7.02

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - MAY 1990

Rhode Island's wage and salary job total advanced in the April-May period as additional gains in the Service Producing sector along with a small increase in Contract Construction overshadowed a decline in the Manufacturing sector. Although the May job total of 459,000 reflects an increase of 1,400, it is 5,200 below the May 1989 figure of 464,200.

Total employment in the Service Producing sector, at 335,100, rose 1,500 from April's level and was up 1,100 compared to a year ago. The most substantial monthly job gain (+ 600) was recorded in Trade, followed by an increase of 400 in Services. Job levels in Transportation/Public Utilities and Government (primarily Census workers) expanded by 300 and 200, respectively, over the month. Employment in Finance/Insurance/Real Estate was unchanged from April's level.

Employment among the state's Goods Producing industries totalled 123,900 in May, down 100 from last month and 6,300 from a year ago. Within this sector, Contract Construction jobs continued to increase seasonally, climbing to 19,000 in May, up 200 from the month earlier figure. Total factory jbos, at 104,900, declined by 300 from April and dropped 4,300 compared to the May 1989 figure. Manufacturers of Nondurable Goods recorded a monthly downturn of 300 while employment in Durable Goods showed no overall change. Monthly job gains were registered in Jewelry/Silverware (+ 200), Stone-Clay-Glass, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment and Printing-Publishing (+ 100 each). These gains were more than offset, however, by monthly reductions of 200 each in Nonelectrical Machinery and Textiles, along with decreases of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals, Apparel and Plastics Products. Job totals for the remaining nine industries - four in Durable Goods and five in Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from their April levels.

The May work week averaged 39.5 hours, up 0.3 of an hour from last month, but down 0.1 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.39 in May, representing a gain of 2 cents from April and 39 cents compared to May 1989.

The state's unadjusted unemployment rate decreased from April to May, dropping by 0.2 of a percent to the May level of 6.9 percent. The jobless level for the month fell to 36,000, down 1,400 from April's level of 37,400. Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly in May to 6.8 percent, up 0.1 of a percentage point from April's estimate of 6.7 percent.

Nationally, both the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted rates declined by one-tenth of a percent in May - to 5.3 and 5.1 percent, respectively.

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INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR NOTICE

This Department is aware that certain employers have attempted to avoid Employment Security taxes by designating employees as "independent contractors". In most of the cases reviewed by the Department, the relationship between employer and employee failed to meet the test of "independent contractor" status.

All employers who have already made such a change and any who are contemplating it should check with the Tax section of this Department at (401) 277-3688.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	May 1990	April* 1990	May* 1989
Civilian Labor Force	521.2	524.9	522.4
Resident Employment	485.3	487.5	502.1
Unemployment	36.0	37.4	20.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	7.1	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.8	6.7	3.9

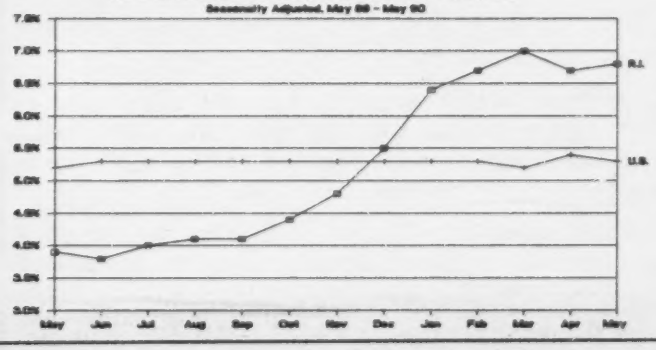
*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	May 1990	April 1990	May 1989
Civilian Labor Force	124,640	123,816	123,196
Resident Employment	118,277	117,359	117,039
Unemployment	6,363	6,457	6,156
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	5.2	5.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.4	5.2

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			NET CHANGE FROM	
	May 1990	Apr. 1990	May 1989	Apr 1990	May 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	459.0	457.6	464.2	+ 1400	- 5200
GOODS PRODUCING	123.9	124.0	130.2	- 100	- 6300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.0	18.8	21.0	+ 200	- 2000
MANUFACTURING	104.9	105.2	109.2	- 300	- 4300
SERVICE PRODUCING	335.1	333.6	334.0	+ 1500	+ 1100
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.6	15.3	15.8	+ 300	- 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.7	106.1	106.8	+ 600	- 100
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.8	26.8	26.7	0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	126.3	125.9	125.1	+ 400	+ 1200
GOVERNMENT	59.7	59.5	59.6	+ 200	+ 100

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

May 1990

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	104.9	370.91	39.5	9.39
DURABLE MFG.	71.7	368.00	39.4	9.34
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	444.96	39.1	11.38
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.5	499.32	41.3	12.09
PRIMARY METALS	4.1	422.10	41.1	10.27
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	344.27	39.3	8.76
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.5 *	455.87	40.2	11.34
ELECTRICAL MACH.	6.4	347.53	38.7	8.98
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.2	497.21	41.4	12.01
INSTRUMENTS	7.1	401.14	41.1	9.76
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.0	296.01	39.0	7.59
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	293.10	35.7	8.21
NONDURABLE MFG.	33.2	377.55	39.7	9.51
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.6	364.00	40.4	9.01
TEXTILES	9.0	336.44	40.1	8.39
APPAREL	1.5	309.67	39.6	7.82
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.1	373.84	41.4	9.03
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.7	450.67	37.4	12.05
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	466.75	40.8	11.44
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.8	382.01	40.9	9.34
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.8	411.17	38.9	10.57
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	288.11	41.1	7.01

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - JUNE 1990

Total nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Rhode Island rose for the fifth consecutive month to the June level of 460,900 with gains occurring in both the Goods Producing and Service Producing sectors. While the June job total represented an increase of 1,200, it was 7,800 less than the year ago figure of 468,700.

Employment in the Service Producting sector advanced 700 from May to June, but was down 1,000 compared to the June 1989 level. Seasonal hiring in Trade resulted in a monthly job gain of 1,500. Job levels in both Transportation/Public Utilities and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate increased 300 from last month. Overall Government employment dropped 300 in June while Services employment declined 1,100 (mainly due to decreases in private education).

Employment in the Goods Producing sector, at 125,000, reflected a gain of 500 from May but was down 6,800 from a year ago. As a result of additional seasonal hiring (+ 200), Contract Construction employment rose to 19,600 in June. Manufacturing jobs totalled 105,400 in June, representing an increase of 300 from May's level, but a reduction of 4,700 from the June 1989 figure. Manufacturers of Nondurable Goods posted a monthly upturn of 300, while employment in Durable Goods showed no overall change. Employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment registered the largest monthly gain (+ 200), followed by increases of 100 each in Nonelectrical Machinery, Textiles, Apparel, Paper Products and Leather Products. Theses gains more than offset declines of 100 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Electrical Machinery, Jewelry-Silverware and Printing-Publishing. Payroll levels in the remaining nine industrial categories-five in Durable Goods and four in Nondurable Goods-were unchanged from May.

The June work week averaged 39.9 hours, up 0.3 of an hour from May and 0.1 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.40 in June, unchanged from May but up 40 cents compared to June 1989.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjsuted June unemployment rate was unchanged from the May estimate of 6.8 percent, indicating stability in the state's overall unemployment picture. The unadjusted rate fell 0.4 of a percent in June to 6.5 percent from last month's level of 6.9 percent. Correspondingly, the jobless total dropped by 2,000 to 34,000 in June.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate declined to 5.2 percent in June from the prior month's estimate of 5.3 percent. In contrast, the U.S. unadjusted rate rose two-tenths of a percent - from an estimated 5.1 percent in May to 5.3 percent in June.

WOONSOCKET CLASSIFIED AS A LABOR SURPLUS AREA

The city of Woonsocket was recently classified as a Labor Surplus Area by the U S Deparment of Labor Employers who agree to perform a "substantial portion" of the work in Labor Surplus Areas may be given preference in the award of federal procurement contracts and grants The Labor Surplus Area designation helps direct the government's procurement dollars into areas where unemployment is the highest

This department had submitted a petition requesting the Labor Surplus Area classification for the city of Woonsocket based on "exceptional circumstances " The city's unemployment rate had previously exceeded the current 7 1% qualifying criteria for more than three consecutive months and was expected to remain above that level for the next twelve months At this time, the city of Woonsocket is the only designated Labor Surplus Area in the state The present classification will remain in effect until September 30, 1990

New Labor Surplus Area designations will be determined by the Department of Labor for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1990 To be classified as a Labor Surplus Area and included in their annual listing, an area must have had an unemployment rate during the previous two calendar years which was at least 20 percent above the U S average unemployment rate during the same period

1989 DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The 1989 (Final) Annual Report of the R.I. Department of Employment Security for the calendar year 1989 is now available for general distribution. Effective January 1, 1990, the former Department of Employment Security became the Department of Employment and Training (DET). As such, DET is now the principal administrative agency charged with coordinating all employment and training programs in Rhode Island.

The final DES report summarizes the Department's response to a variety of employment and income maintenance needs of Rhode Island's citizens. It contains statistical tables relating to departmental operations and 1989 Rhode Island economic data. Programs and services highlighted in the report include those activities of the Unemployment Insurnace, Temporary Disability Insurance and Job Service divisions and supporting units which collect taxes, register employers, and provide economic analysis and labor market information.

A copy of the Annual report may be obtained by writing to the R.I,. Department of Employment & Training, Public Relations Unit, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903. There is no charge for the

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Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	June 1990	May* 1990	June* 1989	
Civilian Labor Force	524.6	521.6	525.9	
Resident Employment	490.6	485.3	506.7	
Unemployment	34.0	36.0	19.2	
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.5	6.9	3.7	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.8	6.8	3.8	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	June 1990	May 1990	June 1989
Civilian Labor Force	126,307	124,640	125,569
Resident Employment	119,605	118,277	118,719
Unemployment	6,702	6,363	6,850
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	5.1	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.3	5.3

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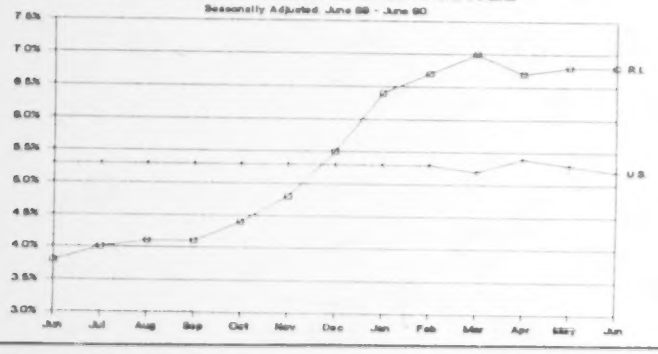

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	June 1990	May 1990	June 1989	May 1990	June 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	460.9	459.7	468.7	+ 1200	- 7800
GOODS PRODUCING	125.0	124.5	131.8	+ 500	- 6800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.6	19.4	21.7	+ 200	- 2100
MANUFACTURING	105.4	105.1	110.1	+ 300	- 4700
SERVICE PRODUCING	335.9	335.2	336.9	+ 700	- 1000
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.8	15.5	16.1	+ 300	- 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	108.1	106.6	109.3	+ 1500	- 1200
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.9	26.6	27.2	+ 300	- 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	125.2	126.3	125.0	-1100	+ 200
GOVERNMENT	59.9	60.2	59.3	300	+ 600

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LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	443.85	38.9	11.41
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.4	461.77	38.1	12.12
PRIMARY METALS	4.1	426.83	41.4	10.31
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	355.85	40.3	8.83
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.8	459.50	40.7	11.29
ELECTRICAL MACH.	6.3	345.35	38.5	8.97
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.2	491.23	40.8	12.04
INSTRUMENTS	7.1	401.58	40.4	9.94
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	20.9	295.42	39.6	7.46
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.2	307.64	37.2	8.27
NONDURABLE MFG.	33.5	385.27	40.3	9.56
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.7	366.53	40.5	9.05
TEXTILES	9.1	349.83	41.4	8.45
APPAREL	1.6	308.11	39.2	7.86
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.2	373.42	40.9	9.13
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.6	447.70	37.0	12.10
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	470.72	41.4	11.37
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.8	396.32	40.9	9.69
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.8	426.12	40.2	10.60
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.9	286.53	40.7	7.04

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - JULY 1990

Total Rhode Island wage and salary jobs fell in July with decreases occuring in both the Goods Producing and Service Producing segments of the state's economy. The July job level of 448,400 represented a monthly decline of 12,800 and was 9,500 below the year ago figure of 457,900.

Overall employment among the Goods Producing industries dropped to 119,500 in July - down 5,500 from last month and 6,700 on an annual basis. Contract Construction jobs were unchanged from June's level of 19,500, but were down 2,300 from the July 1989 figure. Reflecting decreases primarily attributed to vacation-related closings, factory jobs fell 5,500 over the month to 100,000, which represented a reduction of 4,400 compared to a year ago. Manufacturers of Durable Goods reported a downturn of 4,200 jobs from last month while employment in Nondurable Goods fell by 1,300. The largest monthly job declines occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,400) and Fabricated Metals (-1,300), followed by reductions in Textiles (-600), Primary Metals, Transportation Equipment, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment and Leather Products (-300 each). Payroll levels in Electrical Machinery decreased by 200 from June, while smaller job declines of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, Instruments, Food-Beverage, Paper Products, Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Plastics Products. The only monthly job gain (+100) in the factory sector was recorded in Apparel, while employment in Printing-Publishing showed no change.

The July work week averaged 39.8 hours, down 0.4 of an hour from June, but up 1.7 hours from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.60 in July, an increase of 22 cents from last month and a gain of 49 cents compared to July 1989.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 328,900 in July, showing a downturn of 7,300 from last month and a decline of 2,800 from the year ago level. Employment levels in Services and Wholesale/Retail Trade registered monthly downturns of 2,500 and 1,400, respectively. Overall Government employment was down 3,100 from last month (primarily due to a seasonal decline in education-related employment and the ending of a number of temporary Census jobs). A decrease of 200 was posted in Finance/Insurance/Real Estate while jobs in Transportation/Public Utilities were reduced by 100.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 7.1 percent in July from an estimated 6.8 percent in June. The state's unadjusted unemployment rate also increased to 7.1 percent from last month's estimate of 6.5 percent. Accordingly, the jobless total climbed to 37,400 in July, up 3,300 from the prior month's figure of 34,100. A year ago, both the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted rates were estimated at 4.0 percent while the number of unemployed stood at 21,500.

Nationally, both the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted unemployment rates increased to 5.5 percent in July - the former estimate showed a gain of 0.3 of a percent while the latter was up 0.2 of a percent from last month. The current rates are also both up 0.2 from one year ago July.

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE FOR R.I. EMPLOYERS

This department recently mailed an important notice to all employers concerning the verification of their federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). Internal Revenue regulations require that employers report their federal EIN to this department in order to insure that they receive appropriate credit against their FUTA tax liability for their unemployment insurance taxes paid to this department.

Please be sure to verify that the federal EIN number on the notice you received was correct. If it is correct, no further action is necessary. Otherwise, you should indicate your correct federal EIN on the notice and return it to this department in the pre-addressed envelope. Failure to do so could jeopardize your Federal Unemployment Tax credits. Questions should be directed to the Status Unit at (401) 277-3696.

THE LABOR MARKET INFORMATION UNIT

The Labor Market Information (LMI) unit of the R.I. Department of Employment & Training is the primary state contact with the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor for the operation and maintenance of the federal/state cooperative data collection programs. As such, it serves as a centralized resource for the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on wages, occupations, employment and unemployment to both public and private users.

Much of the information that the LMI unit produces is obtained from various employer surveys which are conducted throughout the year. The department greatly appreciates the cooperation shown by many emloyers responding to these surveys. All information provided by employers is kept confidential and is not published in any manner that would allow the identification of a specific employer.

The LMI unit produces a number of publications which are available to employers and the general public free of charge. The Directory of Labor Market Information provides a summary of the information and publications available through the LMI unit. Copies of this directory and other publications can be obtained by writing to the R.I. Department of Employment & Training, LMI Unit, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, R.I. 02903.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

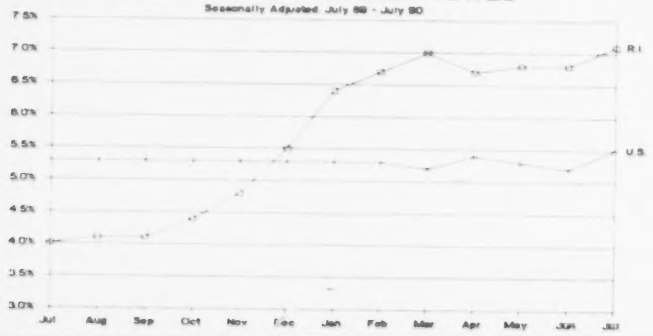
	July 1990	June* 1990	July* 1989	
Civilian Labor Force	526.0	524.9	532.7	
Resident Employment	488.6	490.8	511.3	
Unemployment	37.4	34.1	21.5	
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	6.5	4.0	
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.1	6.8	4.0	*Revised

UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	July 1990	June 1990	July 1989
Civilian Labor Force	126,900	126,307	126,238
Resident Employment	119,954	119,605	119,502
Unemployment	6,945	6,702	6,736
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	5.3	5.3
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.5	5.2	5.3

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			NET CHANGE FROM	
	July 1990	June 1990	July 1989	June 1990	July 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	448.4	461.2	457.9	-12800	- 9500
GOODS PRODUCING	119.5	125.0	126.2	- 5500	- 6700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.5	19.5	21.8	-	- 2300
MANUFACTURING	100.0	105.5	104.4	- 5500	- 4400
SERVICE PRODUCING	328.9	336.2	331.7	- 7300	- 2800
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	15.8	15.4	- 100	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.5	107.9	108.6	- 1400	- 2100
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	26.5	26.7	27.1	- 200	- 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	123.4	125.9	122.5	- 2500	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	56.8	59.9	58.1	- 3100	- 1300

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

JULY 1990

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	100.0	382.08	39.8	9.60
DURABLE MFG	67.7	380.33	39.7	9.58
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.9	469.04	40.4	11.61
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.4	435.37	34.2	12.73
PRIMARY METALS	3.8	435.89	43.2	10.09
FABRICATED METALS	7.6	362.07	39.1	9.26
NONELECTRIC MACH	5.7	486.78	42.7	11.40
ELECTRICAL MACH	6.1	347.38	38.9	8.93
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.9	477.89	39.3	12.16
INSTRUMENTS	7.0	415.24	41.4	10.03
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	19.4	313.22	39.9	7.85
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	5.9	305.50	35.4	8.63
NONDURABLE MFG	32.3	384.80	40.0	9.62
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.6	362.39	40.4	8.97
TEXTILES	8.5	341.14	41.2	8.28
APPAREL	1.7	308.89	39.5	7.82
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.1	383.04	42.0	9.12
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.7	448.16	35.4	12.66
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.7	490.69	41.2	11.91
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	403.60	40.0	10.09
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.7	427.00	40.9	10.44
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.6	268.93	39.9	6.74

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT - AUGUST 1990

Total Rhode Island wage and salary jobs rebounded somewhat in August as a result of workers returning to their jobs following the traditional July vacation closings. Although the August job total of 449,400 represented a monthly gain of 1,600, it was 10,700 below the year ago level of 460,100.

Employment in the Goods Producing sector, at 123,200, reflected an increase of 4,200 from July but a decline of 5,900 compared to a year ago. Contract Construction jobs fell to 19,200 in August, a decrease of 200 from last month and 2,700 from the August 1989 total. Reflecting the return of workers from the July vacation period, Manufacturing employment rose by 4,400 over the month; however, at 104,000, this sector showed a reduction of 3,200 jobs from the figure reported a year ago.

The Durable and Nondurable Goods Producing industries posted monthly upturns of 3,100 and 1,300, respectively. Employment in Jewelry-Silverware registered the largest July-August gain (+1,500), followed by Fabricated Metals (+900), Textiles (+700) and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+600). In addition, smaller monthly increases of 200 each occurred in Nonelectrical Machinery, Chemical Products and Plastics Products while upturns of 100 each were recorded in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Food-Beverage, Paper Products and Leather Products. The only monthly job declines were evident in Electrical Machinery (-300) and Printing-Publishing (-100). The remaining five industrial categories - three in Durable Goods and two in Nondurable Goods - were unchanged from July.

The August work week averaged 38.8 hours, down 0.4 of an hour from July, but up 0.2 of an hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.41 in August - down 11 cents from July but up 32 cents compared to August 1989.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 326,200 in August, showing a decrease of 2,600 from the prior month and 4,800 from the year ago level. The most substantial monthly declines occurred in Services and overall Government employment. The former segment fell by 1,400 (mainly due to education-related losses), while the latter dropped by 1,100 jobs.

A reduction of 300 was reported in Wholesale/Retail Trade for the month of August. In contrast, Finance/Insurance/Real Estate employment advanced 200 from its July level while job levels in Transportation/Public Utilities were unchanged.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by half a percentage point - from the July estimate of 7.2 percent to August's level of 6.7 percent. The state's unadjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.0 percent in August from an estimated 7.2 percent the prior month. Correspondingly, the jobless total decreased to 31,500 in August from the July figure of 37,700. One year ago the seasonally adjusted and unadjusted rates were placed at 4.1 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively, while the number of unemployed stood at 20,200.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate rose to 5.6 percent in August from the previous month's estimate of 5.5 percent. The U.S. unadjusted rate fell by one-tenth of a percent - from 5.5 percent in July to 5.4 percent in August.

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYENT AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Since 1945, Congress has annually saluted the achievements of people with disabilities in their jobs and has emphasized the goal of full integration of persons with disabilities into the workforce.

On this 46th observance, RI Department of Employment and Training Director, John S. Renza wishes to commend the record of many Rhode Island employers who have taken a positive approach in hiring and retaining workers with disabilities.

During fiscal year 1990, a total of 1,257 handicapped individuals sought employment through the Department of Employment and Training's statewide system of local offices. Approximately 21% of them (259) were placed in jobs. For the past 46 years, Job Service has accentuated the positive - that a worker's ability is far more important than his or her limitations.

Employers seeking to hire qualified handicapped workers are encouraged to list their job openings with the Job Bank, 277-3588 or any DET local office. They are listed in the blue pages of the telephone directory under Employment and Training Department.

GOOD NEWS FOR RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS!

As you know the Department of Employment & Training has been collecting quarterly wage records from all Rhode Island employers since the first quarter of 1988. Legislation was recently passed by the General Assembly which revised the Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) benefit formula to allow this wage information to be used to compute benefits for new TDI claims filed for injuries or illnesses which occur on or after October 7, 1990. This is similar to what is already being done for Unemployment Insurance claims.

How will this benefit you as an employer? In most cases you will no longer be required to send in wage information on your former employees when they file a claim for TDI benefits. The wage data necessary to compute the claim should already be on our files.

While we will no longer be requesting wage information in most cases, the claimant's last employer will be asked to verify separation information given by the claimant. Specifically, you will only be asked to confirm the claimant's last day of work and whether or not the injury or illness was work related.

This change will speed up the claims process and reduce your paperwork burden. While we expect the conversion to be a smooth one, should you have any questions concerning the reduced reporting requiremnt please call the Temporary Disability Insurance Division at (401)-277-3630.

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RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

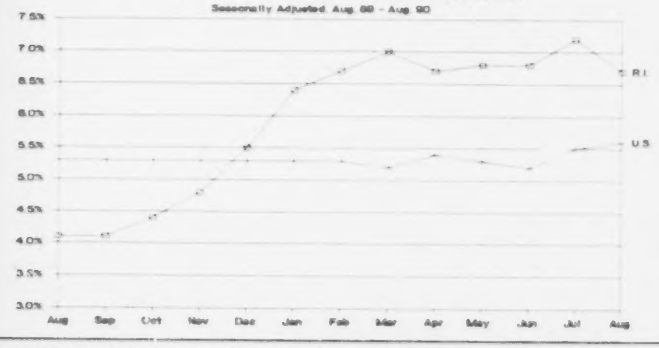
	Aug 1990	July* 1990	Aug * 1989
Civilian Labor Force	521 4	525 9	532 4
Resident Employment	489 8	488 3	512 2
Unemployment	31 5	37 7	20 2
Rate (Unadjusted)	6 0	7 2	3 8
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6 7	7 2	4 1

*Revised

UNITED STATES
Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	Aug 1990	July 1990	Aug 1989
Civilian Labor Force	126,012	126,900	125,444
Resident Employment	119,174	119,954	119,092
Unemployment	6,837	6,945	6,352
Rate (Unadjusted)	5 4	5 5	5 1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5 6	5 5	5 3

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Aug 1990	July 1990	Aug 1989	July 1990	Aug 1989
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	449 4	447 8	460 1	+ 1600	- 10700
GOODS PRODUCING	123 2	119 0	129 1	+ 4200	- 5900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19 2	19 4	21 9	- 200	- 2700
MANUFACTURING	104 0	99 6	107 2	+ 4400	- 3200
SERVICE PRODUCING	326 2	328 8	331 0	- 2600	- 4800
TRANS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15 7	15 7	15 4*	-	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106 3	106 6	109 0	- 300	- 2700
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	26 7	26 5	27 1	+ 200	- 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	121 8	123 2	122 5	- 1400	- 700
GOVERNMENT	55 7	56 8	57 0	- 1100	- 1300

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

AUGUST 1990

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	104 0	365 11	38 8	9 41
DURABLE MFG	70 4	356 90	38 5	9 27
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3 0	363 29	33 7	10 78
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1 4	544 35	43 1	12 63
PRIMARY METALS	4 0	385 56	40 5	9 52
FABRICATED METALS	8 4	349 98	38 8	9 02
NONELECTRIC MACH	5 6	483 78	42 4	11 41
ELECTRICAL MACH	5 8	333 06	36 6	9 10
TRANS EQUIPMENT	7 9	437 58	37 4	11 70
INSTRUMENTS	7 0	432 81	44 3	9 77
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21 1	298 37	38 4	7 77
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6 2	276 35	34 5	8 01
NONDURABLE MFG	33 6	383 55	39 5	9 71
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2 7	342 61	36 8	9 31
TEXTILES	9 2	344 25	40 5	8 50
APPAREL	1 7	242 63	31 8	7 63
PAPER PRODUCTS	2 2	384 98	41 8	9 21
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6 6	494 00	39 3	12 57
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2 9	514 31	42 4	12 13
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0 8	403 61	39 3	10 27
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5 8	411 93	39 8	10 35
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1 7	259 62	39 1	6 64

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